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## L I B E L,

*Affixt upon the Church-door of Kettle in Fife, &c.*

**B**E it kend to all men, That whereas these who were once lawful Magistrats and Rulers, and were exercising their power, in opposition to all the Enemies of God, and were a terror to all evil doers, are now become Tyrants and Land judgments, and Murderers of all these who departs from iniquity, and who are jeoparding their lives every day for maintaining and promoting of the Gospel of Christ and the true Presbyterian Government, which the three Kingdoms swore ofner nor once or twice to maintain with their lives and liberties, which Oaths they have all now broken, and have taken new Oaths contrair to the word of God, in opposition to their former Oaths and Ingegemenis, by the which doing, they have overturned the whole Government, Civil and Ecclesiastick, and having made butcheries and havock of all the truly Godly, and Loyal and true Subjects of the Land, and raised such Persecution, that I was forced to flee the Country; and I hearing tell that my Mother, and others who medled with my Affairs, were still paying the Few Duty ( which properly belongs to the Crown of Scotland ) and Sels, which that Tyrant causes uplift for the bearing down the Gospel of Christ, and for maintaining these Butcherers, Troopers and Souldiers, and was paying that Teind which properly belongs to the Ministers of the Gospel of Christ, to Mr. John Barkley, who is both a thief and a robber; by the paying of which, they acknowledge Charles Stewart to be a lawful Magistrate, and Mr. John Barkley to be a Minister of Jesus Christ, which is blasphemy to say, as I shall prove afterwards; and after several times writing to my Mother, and some others who pretended kindness to me, shewing the great sin that we were involved in, by owning any of these Tyrants any manner of way, and earnestly desiring her to forbear and not to own them any manner of way directly or indirectly, but rather to suffer the outmost of hazard, than to sin against God by strengthening the hands of the



stated and avowed enemies of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is King, and alone Head of his Church; but my writing being to no purpose, and I being convinced of the greatness of this sin, and the heinous aggravations thereof, and the Judgements that would follow, it repentance prevented not, and being exercised for a long time, about what way to take for exonerat[i]on of my conscience before God and the World, and a testimony against all others who does go on in that sin, the clear convic[i]on of the indispen[s]ibleness of this my duty, I have now resolved through the grace of God, be the outward hazard whatsoever, to write this two or three Lines, and cause put it on the Kirk-door of Kettle, being the most publick place, as my testimony against all the wrongs and injuries done to my sweet Lord Jesus Christ.

As I do own and declare before God and the World, that Magistracie is an ordinance of God, so I disown and declare, that Tyranny is not of God; and so in opposition to God, and so against God, and therefore cannot be of God: and Charles Stewart being once made King of Scotland, upon condition that he should keep these Covenants, and rule according to these Covenants, and the Covenants being the Coronation Oath, which Oath he has broken, and caused burn these Covenants (which was the contract and Covenant betwixt him and the people) by the hands of the Hangman, by the burning of which Covenant, he has forfeited his right of the Crown and Kingdom of Scotland, and is no more a King, but is become a Tyrant; therefore the people is loosed from all obligations and ties as to him. Buchanan acknowledges and sayes, *When the King breaks the Contract and Covenant that was betwixt Him and the people, and doth contrary to that He covenanted to do, whatever Right or Privilege did belong to Him by that Agreement and Covenant, is then lost.* Likewise he saith, *When a King does those things which are directly for the dissolution of Society for the continuance whereof He was created, He is a Tyrant.* Other Loyalists acknowledge and say, *When a King overturns one of the Fundamental Laws, He is no more a King, but a Tyrant.* 2. They say, *When a Supreme Magistrate maketh use of absolute power, and so breaketh all Bonds for the good of the main Society, He is a Tyrant.* 3. They say, *When He taketh from one or more members of the Common-wealth, free exercise of the Orthodox Clergie or Religion, He is a Tyrant.* 4. They say, *When a King doth not defend His Subjects from injuries, when he may, but suffereth them to be oppressed, He is no more a King, but a Tyrant:* (And much more when he oppresses them and murders them himself, as Charles Stewart does.) 5. They say, *When a King oppresses the Subjects by immoderate exactions, and hindereth the free suffrages of Members of Parliament, so that they dare not speak what they would, He is a Tyrant.* 6. They say, *When He taketh away from the people all power to resist His Tyranny, as Arms, Strengths, and chief men though innocent, he persecuteth and exhausts their goods without right or reason, He is a Tyrant.* 7. They say, *When a Magistrate for corrupting of youth, erects Stage plays, Whore-houses*



houses, and other Play-houses, and suffers the Colledges, and other Seminaries of Learning to be corrupted, they are unfit for any Office, therefore He must be a Tyrant. Prov. 6. 13. Righteous lips are the delight of Kings, and they love him that speaketh right, therefore Charles Stewart cannot be a King, because the unrighteous lips are his delight, and he loveth all them that doeth evil and speaketh against the truth, and therefore he must be a Tyrant: and seing that the least of all these forenamed particulars makes a King a Tyrant, surely without debate Charles Stewart must be one of the Monstruous and wildest of Tyrants, for he is guilty of all these, and has overturned the whole Fundamental Laws of the Land, by that Act rescissory, and has set up Lustful and Tyrannical Laws of his own, in opposition to the Laws of God, and the Ancient Laws of the Land; and if we will believe Buchannan and other sound Writers, A Tyrant has no just Authority over a People, neither is the People to own or obey him in any thing, for he is their enemy, and sayeth he, there is a just and lawful War with an Enemy; much more with the enemy of all Mankind, that is Tyrant, of the which Tyrants Charles Stewart is one: and he saith, a lawful War being once undertaken with our Enemy, and for a just cause, it is lawful not only for the whole People to kill that Enemy, but for every one of them.

I would speake that Question at these who are not of this judgment, seing that Tyrants are reckoned in amongst the number of the most cruel brut Beasts by all sound Writers; and the Scripture, Psal. 22. 12. calls them Bulls of Bashan, of the which Bulls, Charles Stewart is one, and all his Associates are Bulls and Kine of Bashan: What would you judge to be your duty, if there were a wild and mad Bull running up and down all Scotland, killing and slaying all that were come in his way, man, wife, and bairn? would you not think it your duty and every ones duty to kill him, according to that Scripture, Exod. 21. 28, 29. and if this be granted, as it cannot be denied, wherefore should any say, that it is not lawful to kill Charles Stewart or his Associates, that hath been these twenty years, as it were, running up and down Scotland, killing and slaying all the true Subjects of the Land, and are still continuing, and killing all that are departing from Iniquity, and are adhering to, and pursuing the ends of the Covenants, by desiring to bring all Malignants to condign punishment, according to the Covenants, which all the three Kingdoms did swear with lifted up hands to the most High God.

Therefore, I James Russel Portioner of Kettle, does reject Charles Stewart from being my King, or from having any lawful authority over me; and I do declare before the world, that I will not own nor obey him any manner of way, either by paying of Few-Duty or any other thing which properly belongs to the Crown of Scotland, or that which they call Sess, which is falsely imposed upon the Kingdom, and lifted up for the banishing Christ and his Gospel out of the Land, yea, for upholding and maintaining ruffian Troopers and Souldiers, for no other thing but that they may Crucifie Christ in his members every day: and likewise I protest



against my Mother and James Dale, who is now labouring my Land, at my Mothers instance, against their paying of the Few-Duty, or any other thing which properly belongs to the Crown of Scotland, but not to a Tyrant, and therefore not to Charles Stewart; and against the paying of that which they call Sess. And likewise, I do protest against all these who take the name of Christians to themselves, who owns him or acknowledges him to have any lawful authority over them; and I do protest against the owning of any that has their authority and power flowing from him, either higher or lower Courts of Judicatures, for these who have no power themselves, cannot cloath others with power and authority: and Charles Stewart hath no power, therefore he cannot cloath any other with power and authority, for he cannot give others that which he hath not himself; therefore all these Courts and Judicatories that have their Power flowing only from Charles Stewart, have no lawful Power nor authority, more nor these who receives a commission from a Robber to go and kill and slay all that they meet with on the Highway; therefore cannot be owned, nor obedience given to them any manner of way, except they say that we must obey the Devil, whose Vicegerents they are, and that will not be granted. And I do declare, that I look upon all who own that Tyrant or any under him to be lawful Magistrats, to be guilty of Blasphemy, and I prove it, Rom. 13. For there is no power but of God and the powers that be, are ordained of God; therefore that power that is exercised in opposition to God and godliness cannot be of God; for Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil, for he is the Minister of God to thee for good: Therefore Charles Stewart is not of God, for he exercises all his power in opposition to God and Godliness, and he is a terror to good Works, and he gives praise and gifts to all these who do Evil; therefore he is the Minister of the Devil, to thee for Evil, for he executes Wrath on these who do Good, and therefore he hath no power of God; and therefore it must be acknowledged that it is the height of Blasphemy to say that he is a lawful Magistrate, seeing that he exercises all his power in opposition to God; and therefore is no lawful Power, but an usurped tyrannical Power: Therefore, I would desire all that profess to be Christians, to be war of calling Charles Stewart a lawful Magistrate, or any whose power flows from him, to be lawfull Rulers, lest ye be found amongst the number of these Blasphemers, who say, that God is the Author of Sin; and ye may read the Blasphemers doom in Lev. 24. 16. And he that blasphemeth the Name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the Congregation shall surely stone him, &c. Number 15. 30. 31. I would desire all who are expectants of Heaven, as they would not have God to be their enemy, to be war of doing any thing that strengthens the enemies of Christs hands, if it were but to give them a shepy of Corn, or a bottle of Straw to their Horse, or Bread or Drink, or Lodging to themselves: for Christs enemies is another thing, not our particular enemies. They that will prepare a Table for that Troop, and



and furnish the Drink-offering for that number, they may read their sentence in *Iſa. 65. 12. Therefore will I number you to the ſword, and ye ſhall bow down to the ſlaughter, &c.* and do it who will, when the Lord makes inquisition for the blood of his Saints, I am ſure they will be found guilty, and to be more nor conſenters to the Saints murdering, *Act. 25. 20.* Yea, it is, as it were a buying of a ſword & putting of it into a Robbers hand, to cut of all that's walking or trafficking in the Kings free road; yea it will be found to be a joyning Iſſue and intereſt with Gods ſtated and declared enemies, and they may expect to be ranked up amongſt the number of theſe enemies ( that our ſweet Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who is King and alone Head of his Church, ) will paſs that Sentence againſt, if ſpeedy Repentance prevent not, *Luk. 19. 27. But theſe mine enemies which would not that I ſhould reign over them, bring hither and ſlay them before me.*

Likewiſe I do proteſt againſt the paying of Teind (which properly belongs to the Miniſters of Chriſt) to Mr. John Barckley, which is acknowledging him who is both a Theif and a Robber, to be a lawful Miniſter of Jeſus Chriſt, according to that Scripture, *Joh. 10. He that entereth not by the door into the ſheepſold, but climbeth up ſome other way, the ſame is a theif and a robber,* which Theif and Robber Mr. John Barckley is; for Chriſt is the door, *ver. 7. I am the door of the ſheep,* and not the Lordly Prelats, which was the entry that Mr. John Barckley entered in, and all the reſt both did, and doeth enter; therefore they are all Thieves and Robbers, *Mat. 20. 25. Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exerciſed dominion over them, &c. ver. 26. but it ſhall not be ſo among you, but whoſoever will be great among you, let him be your Miniſter, Luk. 22. 25, 26, 27. But I am among you as he that ſerveth; &c. 1 Pet. 5. 3. Neither as being lords over Gods heritage, but being enſamples to the flock:* And Mr. John Barckley was thruſt in upon the flock againſt their wills by the Lordly Prelat, without ſo much as the Call of the laſt of all the Paroch; yea, I was witneſs that day, that he was thruſt in (to my ſhame I may tell this, and to the praiſe of his free Grace that has reclaimed me) and there was not one that would riſe to take him by the hand, till they were threatened by the reſt of the Hirelings; therefore he entered not in by the door, but climbed up another way, therefore he is both a Thief and a Robber, and a falſe Prophet, *Jer. 23. 21. I have not ſent theſe Prophets, yet they ran; I have not ſpoken unto them, yet they propheteſt. Mat. 7. 15, 16. Beware of falſe Prophets, which come to you in ſheeps clothing, but inwardly they are ravening Wolves, ye ſhall know them by their fruits: 2 Pet. 2. 12. But theſe are natural brute beaſts, &c. Jer. 10. 21. For the Paſtors are become brutiſh, and have not ſought the Lord; therefore they ſhall not proſper. Ezek. 13. 3. Thus ſaith the Lord, wo unto the fooliſh Prophet, ver. 9. Mine hand ſhall be upon the Prophets that ſee viſions and divine lies, they ſhall not be in the aſſembly of my people, neither ſhall they be written in the writings of the houſe of Iſrael, neither ſhall they enter into the land of Iſrael, and ye ſhall know that I am the Lord God, becauſe, even becauſe they have ſeduced my people, ſaying,*

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peace, and there was no peace, &c. to the 27. 2 Cor. 11. 15. Therefore it is no great thing if these Ministers also be transformed as the Ministers of Righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works. Ezek. 34. 4. Woe to the shepherds of Israel that doth feed themselves, &c. Ezek. 13. 4. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Prophets shall be ashamed, &c. Mal. 2. 8. But ye are departed out of the way, ye have caused many to stumble at the Law, ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord: therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, &c. O ye dumb dogs, the blood of many souls will be found in your skirts, and in a little God will bring you to judgement, and will require the blood of all the souls in that congregation at your hands, Ezek. 3. 18. the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand; I doubt nothing, but it would be acceptable service to God, to do with you all as Elijah did with Baals prophets, 1 King. 18. 40. Take the Prophets of Baal, let not one of them escape, ye greedy dogs which can never have enough; come say ye, let us fill our selves with strong drink, and the morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundantly. Ye think your kingdoms will never be shaken, I doubt nothing but Baals Prophets thought so to, but they got a disappointment, and I doubt nothing but ye will meet with the like: They cried to their God, but they were not heard: When any thing troubles you, ye may cry to your god, which is your Belly, and to your King, which is King Charles, but rather that Tyrant, which you are all crying up so fast, and blessing him; it may be ye may get some kind of comfort, but I am sure of that, the day will come, that both you and others that are crying him so fast up this day, will cry and not be heard, and will be made to curse your King and your God and look upward. Some will say, What needs all this hatred? I answer, Psal. 139. 21. *Do not I hate them O Lord, that hate thee, and are not grieved with those that rise up against thee? I have hated them, I counted them as mine enemies. They'll say, I may be lay, I may have them, and not cry one word till all the world know of it. I answer, Luk. 19. 40. Tell ye, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.* I doubt not but some will say that I am mad to do that, which will procure the hatred of all Ranks; I care not what perjured Apostates say, for my God hath said unto me, *fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.* I confesse it. I would have sought counsel at flesh and blood, or yet at backsliding Ministers or Professors, I would not have ventured; but praise to the Name of my God, he hath advised me better in *Matth. 18. 28. Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul, but rather fear him which is able to kill both soul and body in Hell.*

Written and subscribed with mine own hand, at  
the day of 1681.  
Sic subscribitur, RUSSEL.











